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MISMANAGEMENT, LACK OF TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW CUT TIMBER PRODUCTION

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Felling and haulage have been widely mechanized in the area of Kuldiga Timber Management in Latvian SSR. Mobile electric power plants, skidding tractors, electric cranes, truck derricks, and trucks operate in its forests. Work has been organized according to the continuous method. This method permits a doubling of labor productivity. (1)

During the current year, large-scale construction work, for which more than 2 million rubles have been appropriated, will be carried out at Ponizovskiy Timber Management of Kostromales Trust in Kostroma Oblast. A steam-electric power plant is to be erected and new logging roads built.

At the newly opened Bereznikovskiy Logging Center of the management, child nurseries, a medical station, Red Corner, stores, bakery, and several one-, two-, and three-unit houses are being built.

All felling, skidding, hauling, and loading operations will be mechanized for the approaching fall and winter logging season. (2)

The Osterskiy Logging Point is obligated to fulfill one fifth of the seasonal felling and hauling plan established for Medvezh'yegorsk Timber Management, Karelo-Finnish SSR, of which the point is a part. The point is fully capable of exceeding its seasonal task. There are enough workers and an adequate supply of equipment. But if the point fails to fulfill the plan, the main fault will lie with the supervisory personnel of the point, who do not concern themselves with creating normal cultural conditions for the workers conditions which promote increased labor productivity.

No mass political work is carried on among the workers. Not a single speech has been made or a lecture given since the beginning of the season. There is no literature, Newspapers are received only once each week.

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Supplies do not reach the dining room, although the timber management has enough on hand. Products arrive in the stores with great irregularity. Panfilov, chief of the logging point, is a rare visitor to the forest. (3)

Vostochno-Idel'skiy Mechanized Logging Point of Nadvoitskiy Timber Management in Karelo-Finnish SSR has many machines at its disposal, but most of them are out of service.

In October, three-skidding tractors arrived at the logging point, but one of them has seen no service as of this date. A truck derrick and the skidding winches have been idle for 6 months, two new PES-40 power plants have been standing unused for more than 2 months. One of three steam locomotives is out of use due to an accident.

By order of Shkarin, chief engineer of Yuzhkarelles Trust, repair of broken-down machines is to be done on the spot. That is impossible, however, since the logging point has no qualified mechanics. Furthermore, there are not enough specialists for round-the-clock work even for the machines in service. For example, there are only four engineers for the three locomotives.

A peculiar example of labor discipline violation is found at the logging point. Several engineers leave the locomotives to their helpers and go home, but receive pay for these hours as if they had been at work.

Why do the directorate of the timber management and Segezhsbunles Trust quietly countenance such violations? (4)

Dambovskiy Logging Point, a large mechanized enterprise in Karelo-Finnish SSR, must fell and haul 47,000 cubic meters of timber during the fall and winter season. This amount equals almost one third of the entire program of Petrovskiy Timber Management.

Fulfillment of the assigned task is far behind. During the first 2 months of the fourth quarter, the timber-hauling plan has been met only 20 percent.

The poor work of the enterprise is a direct result of a lack of preparation for the fall and winter logging season. Transportation is not provided and the workers live so far from their work that they must walk 7 to 8 and even 12 kilometers from the villages where they live. Consequently, the working day seldom begins before 10 or 11 o'clock.

Machines are poorly utilized at the logging point. A large part of the trucks and all four skidding tractors are out of service due to a lack of spare parts. Neither the timber management nor Yuzhkarelles Trust has supplied the point with spare parts.

One report on this logging point gives the following details: The sawing brigades began work at noon. Until then the men had been idle while repairs were made on the electric power plant. The skidders also did not begin work until noon. They waited 4 hours for the foreman to appear, and tell them where to pick up timber and where to deposit it. This is typical of operations throughout the point. (5)

Arkhangel'sk Oblast supplies the country with commercial timber and lumber. Its proximity to the industrial areas of the country which need timber, places a special responsibility on the oblast to fulfill the logging plan.

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The timber industry workers and kolchoz workers are now entering the decisive period in the struggle for timber. The enterprises and individual workers are making special efforts and giving special pledges to fulfill the seasonal plan ahead of schedule.

Conditions have been created in the forest for successful fulfillment of the plan. During the past year, the enterprises of the oblast have received hundreds of new tractors, trucks, skidding winches, electric power plants, and other equipment.

If the plan is to be fulfilled early, supervision of the work must be increased. Instruction regarding the most advantageous utilization of machines must be intensified.

Certain deficiencies in operations still exist. The very laborious operation of trimming branches from logs is still done manually. Loading and unloading of logs are being mechanized very slowly. Even now, at the height of the winter season, not all serviceable machines are being used.

As of 20 January, only 72 percent of the mobile electric power plants, which ought to be in service at the enterprises in Arkhangel'sk Oblast, were being used. Only two thirds of the K-12 skidding tractors were actually skidding timber. Not all the steam locomotives and trucks were in operation.

Electric winches are being utilized as poorly as ever. At Verkhne-Lup'inskiy Timber Management of Kotlasles Trust, only two of seven winches on hand are in use. Much loading is being done manually. More than 50 percent of all loading machines are out of service.

At almost all timber managements, mechanical felling and hauling is proceeding at a level below that necessary for fulfilling the plan. Mechanisms are taken into the forest lacking parts and unfit for operation. A considerable portion of the skidding winches do not have cables or pulleys.

The new K-5 saw and the power plant which drives it are being introduced very slowly.

Repair work is inadequate. Often the enterprises do not have the necessary parts for repair of power plants, tractors, and trucks. If the Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry were to provide even a minimum of spare parts, the machines could be used to better advantage.

Frequently, the technical supply sections of the trusts send the timber managements materials which they do not need. For example, the technical supply section of Dvinoles Trust sent Konetsgorskiy Timber Management 60 tons of fish plates for narrow-gauge rails -- a 20-year supply! But, this timber management had received no spikes up to the beginning of the winter logging season.

Most of the machines in the forest operate on liquid fuel. Thus far, however, many timber managements do not have adequate fuel supplies. At logging points bordering on waterways, machines not in use due to lack of fuel often stand for weeks awaiting the beginning of the navigation season. Sometimes, at the height of the logging season, tractors are diverted from logging work to hauling fuel from distant oil-supply warehouses. Failure to have a large enough quantity of fuel on hand is a direct result of poor operations on the part of the ministry, since the oil industry can supply large quantities without difficulty.

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A modern timber management is a large, highly mechanized enterprise. It must have a correspondingly large supply base. A situation in which timber managements located along waterways must depend on ordinary steamers to bring in fuel from the oil-supply bases is deplorable. Tankers should be provided for this purpose.

The ministry is far behind in providing highly qualified machine operators. Most machines, especially trucks, break down because of the ineptitude of the operators. The timber enterprises have very few first-class drivers. A vast system of schools and courses taught by the best drivers should be created.

Supervisors of logging enterprises now have to deal with more complex problems than formerly when the use of only the ax and the saw did not call for a high level of technical knowledge. Now, only engineers and technicians can properly supervise mechanized operations. A director of a timber management, or a chief of a logging point, who does not possess considerable high level technical knowledge is often in trouble and causes confusion in logging operations. Among the supervisors of timber managements in Arkhangel'sk Oblast, there are only seven engineers and ten technicians.

So far, despite the orders of the Ministry, the chief engineers of the trusts and timber managements and the technical supervisors of the logging points have not been relieved of extraneous duties. This fact also has its effect on the organization of mechanized operations. (6)

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